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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/822,815	Applicant(s) SAKURAI ET AL.
	Examiner ANTHONY OJINI	Art Unit 3723

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 February 2008.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-6,8-10 and 12-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-6,8-10,20 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's cancellation of claims 7,11,21 filed 02/26/08 is acknowledged, and the finality of the rejection of the last Office action mailed 12/7/07 is hereby withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-6, 8-10, 12-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hasegawa et al. (US 2003/0060138 A1).

With respect to claim 1-6,15-20, Hasegawa et al. disclose on page 2, lines 1-3 & page 4, lines 5-15, a polishing pad comprising a polishing layer having water-soluble particles having an average particles diameter of 0.1 to 1000 microns dispersed in a matrix material, appear to be identical to the claimed. The product-by-process limitation, "wherein said pad is produced by a method comprising: dispersing the water-soluble particles in a crosslinking agent to produce a dispersion, mixing the dispersion with an apolyisocyanate and/or an isocyanate terminated urethane prepolymer to produce a mixed solution, and reacting the mixed solution to produce a polishing pad comprising a polishing layer having the water-soluble particles dispersed in a polymer matrix" would not be expected to impart distinctive structural characteristics to the polishing layer

having water- soluble particles having an average particles diameter of 0.1 to 1000 microns dispersed in a matrix material.

With respect to claim 8, Hasegawa et al. disclose the polishing pad wherein the volume of the soluble particles is 1% to 70% by volume when the volume of the polishing layer in the pad is 100% that is within the range of 0.5 to 70% as claimed by applicant (see page 6, claim 18).

With respect to claims 9,10,13,14, Hasegawa et al. disclose a polishing pad that teaches most of the elements of the claimed invention including a water soluble particles in the diameter range claimed and in a matrix formed of various material similar to that discloses by applicant.

With respect to claim 12, Hasegawa et al. disclose wherein said water-soluble particles are beta-cyclodextrin particles (page 5, [0076]).

The applied reference has a common assignee with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention “by another,” or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony Ojini whose telephone number is 571 272 4492. The examiner can normally be reached on 7 to 4 Tuesday-Friday with every other Monday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on 571 272 4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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